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PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, since the Chairman, and I don't see the Vice-chairman of the Government, Military Affairs Committee here, may I speak to the amendments?

PRESIDENT: Who is the Chairman?

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Rasmussen.

PRESIDENT: The Vice-chairman?

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Stoney. I could handle them if you would let me.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR NICHOL: I think I can. Mr. Clerk, is there more... are there two amendments up there?

CLERK: No sir, I have one amendment offered by yourself and that is all.

SENATOR NICHOL: What does it say?

CLERK: Read amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, that was simply an amendment by the State Auditor requesting that no change would be made in the giving out or the not giving out of information from the State Auditing Department. I move for the adoption of that amendment. Committee amendment? Okay, I move the adoption of the committee amendments first.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator Nichol, was there any particular justification given by the Auditor for this request? We have a....and I'm thinking in terms of existing law in Section 29, it is pretty explicit that functions of government will be available to the citizens particularly financial records and I'm wondering what justification he had for wanting to be exempt?

SENATOR NICHOL: As I recall his reason for this was that this bill would not alter what the law is now as to his giving out or not giving out of information.

SENATOR MURPHY: I guess I am still hung up. What information? What is he trying to protect?

SENATOR NICHOL: The auditing information. The function of course of the State Auditor is to audit various state agencies and so forth, right?

SENATOR MURPHY: Does he repeal Section 29-103 whatever it is that is very explicit that we do have rights to that information?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, whatever your rights are will continue to be.

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